146. Erythra phœnicura.

Rallus phœnicurus, Forster, Zool. Ind. p. 19, t. 9, "Ceylon" (1781).

(?) *Rallus sumatranus*, Raffles, *t. c.* p. 328, "Sumatra" (1821).

147. Butorides javanica.

Ardea javanica, Horsf. *t. c.* p. 190, "Java" (1820); Raffles, *t. c.* p. 326, "Sumatra."

148. Ardea purpurea.

Ardea purpurea, Linn. S. N. i. p. 236 (1766).

149. Demiegretta sacra.

Ardea sacra, Gm. S. N. i. p. 640 (1788).

150. Sterna media.

Sterna media, Horsf. *l. c.* p. 198, "Java" (1820); Saunders, P. Z. S. 1876, p. 655.

151. Sterna bergii.

Sterna bergii, Lichtenst. Verzeich. p. 80, "South Africa" (1823); Saunders, *t. c.* p. 657.

I am indebted to Mr. Saunders for the identification of these two Terns.

XXV.—*Report on the Additions to the Collection of Birds in the British Museum in* 1875*.

With the exception of the year 1874, in which Mr. Wallace's collection was purchased by the Trustees, the last year shows a greater increase in this branch of the department than any of the preceding years, the total number of acquisitions amounting to 4277 specimens, among which were 152 species

* Extracted from a Return to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 6 April 1877;—for an Account "of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds), for the Financial Year ended the 31st day of March 1877; and a Return of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum in each Year from 1871 to 1876, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement of the Collections; and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1876."

new to the collection and 47 typical specimens. The following may be specially mentioned:—

The collection of Corvidæ made by John Gould, Esq., and consisting of 100 specimens, amongst them the types of seven species described by that ornithologist.

A series of Cormorants from the Cornish coast; presented Dr. Günther.

Two hundred and ninety-nine specimens, obtained by the North-American Boundary Commission in the vicinity of the 49th parallel.

A series of 110 skins, nests, eggs, and skeletons, selected from the collection made by Messrs. Slater and Gulliver, Naturalists of the "Transit-of-Venus" Expedition, in Rodriguez.

The fourth portion of the collection of African Birds formed by, and formerly in the possession of, R. B. Sharpe, Esq.; it consists of 750 specimens, and contains 12 types, and 56 species previously not represented in the British Museum.

A collection from the Transvaal; presented by J. H. Gurney, Esq., and including specimens of *Turdus gurneyi*.

Seven specimens from the Victoria Falls, amongst them the types of a new genus (*Pinarornis*) and *Saxicola shelleyi*; purchased.

The type of *Bradyornis woodwardi*, from Natal; presented by J. D. S. Woodward, Esq.

The type of *Dromæocercus brunneus*, from Madagascar; presented by Algernon Peckover, Esq.

A selected series of 136 skins and eggs, from the collection made by the Rev. A. E. Eaton, Naturalist to the "Transit-of-Venus" Expedition, in Kerguelen Land.

A most valuable collection of 1303 specimens from Northern Bengal, North-western India, Burma, and Malacca; presented by Captain Stackhouse Pinwill.

Ten specimens from Burma, new to the collection; presented by the Marquis of Tweeddale, F.R.S.

A series of 200 specimens selected from the collections made by Dr. J. Anderson during the expedition to Yunnan.

Typical specimens of *Garrulax galbanus* and *Suthora munipurensis*; presented by Major H. H. Godwin-Austen.

The type of *Horeites pallidipes* from Sikkim; presented by L. Mandelli, Esq.

Two collections of 246 specimens from N.W. Borneo; one made by H. Low, Esq., the other by Mr. A. Everett.

A series of 77 specimens collected by Dr. Steere in the Philippine Islands, by which 20 species were added to the British-Museum collection.

Six species new to the collection, and represented by 12 specimens from Taviuni, Fiji Islands; collected by E. L. Layard, Esq.

The type of *Casuarius westermanni*, and specimens of *C. picticollis* and *C. beccarii*; purchased of the Zoological Society.

A series of the lately described new species of Bird of Paradise (*Paradisea raggiana*); purchased.

A small collection from South-eastern New Guinea; purchased.

Specimens of *Paradigalla carunculata* from the Arfak Mountains, and of *Tanysiptera carolinæ* from Mafoor; obtained by exchange.

Thirteen specimens from the Galapagos Islands; collected by Commander W. E. Cookson.

XXVI.—*Notes on a 'Catalogue of the* Accipitres *in the British Museum,' by* R. Bowdler Sharpe (1874). By J. H. Gurney.

[Continued from p. 236.]

The next Eagle which I propose to consider is that figured in plate 29 of the late Dr. Gray's 'Illustrations of Indian Zoology' under the name of "*Aquila fulvescens*." The type of this species is, I believe, not now in existence; and Mr. Sharpe quotes "*fulvescens*" as a synonym of "*vindhiana*;" but, as already mentioned (*anteà*, p. 225), I cannot agree with him in this view.

In 'The Ibis' for 1871, at p. 245, the late Dr. Jerdon stated